OUR TOWN...!
WHAT THE HELL HAPPENED TO IT?!

H-HEY, YOU! YOU'RE A HUNTER! GO AND KILL THAT MONSTER!
I WAS ONLY ORDERED TO PROVIDE PROTECTION FOR YOU.

W-WE'LL PAY YOU AS MUCH AS YOU WANT! SAVE OUR TOWN!
IT'S OVER.

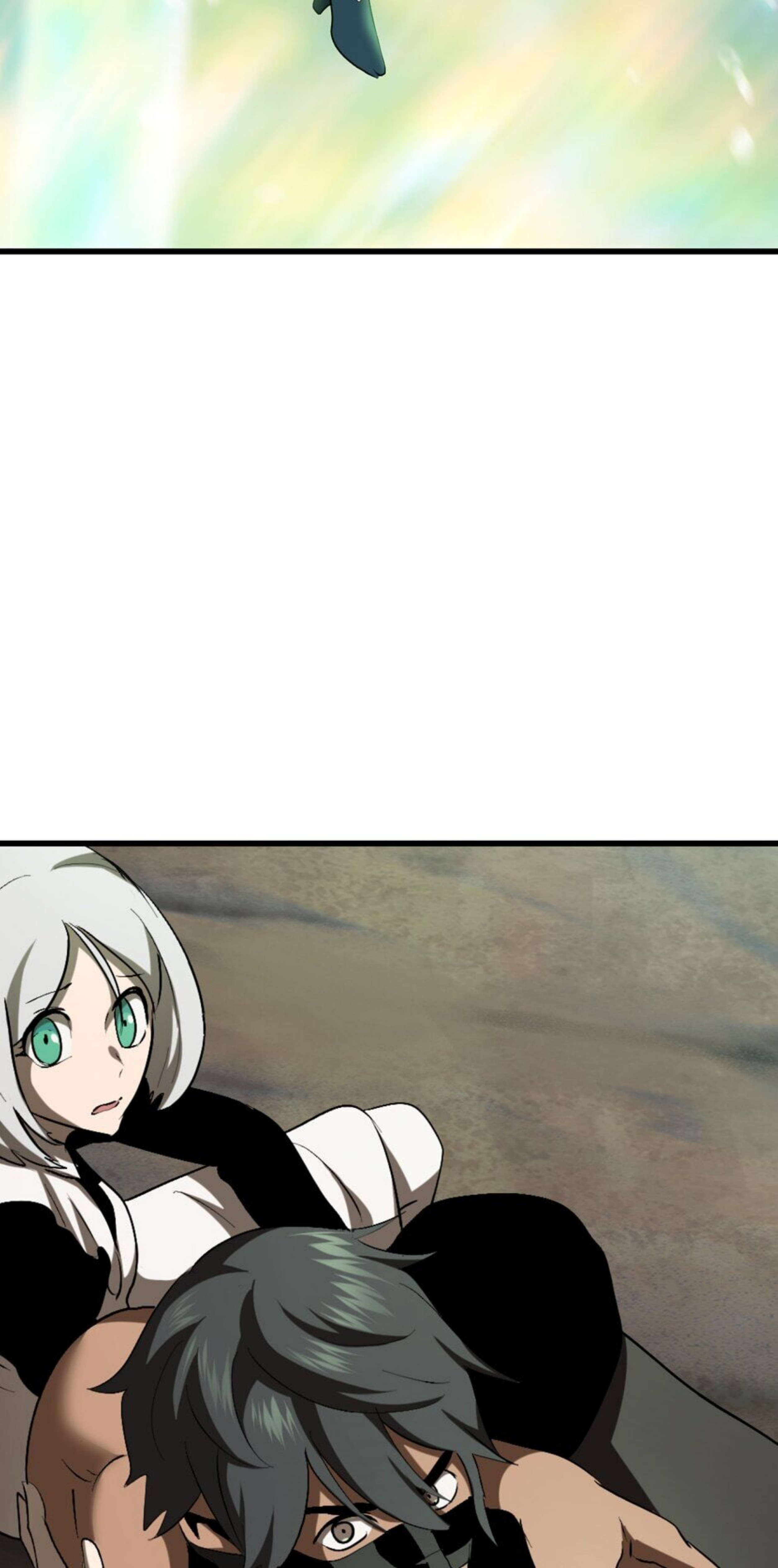
SHOULDN'T YOU BE HELPING THAT LADY WHO GAVE YOU YOUR ORDER?!

CHAK
HELP HER?

DO YOU HAVE A NUCLEAR WEAPON STASHED AWAY OR SOMETHING?

A 'NUCLEAR WEAPON'?

WHAT IS THAT...?
SOMETIMES...
IGNORANCE IS BLISS.



Y-YOU DESTROYED THAT ANGEL WITH A SINGLE BLOW...
IS EVERYONE ALL RIGHT?

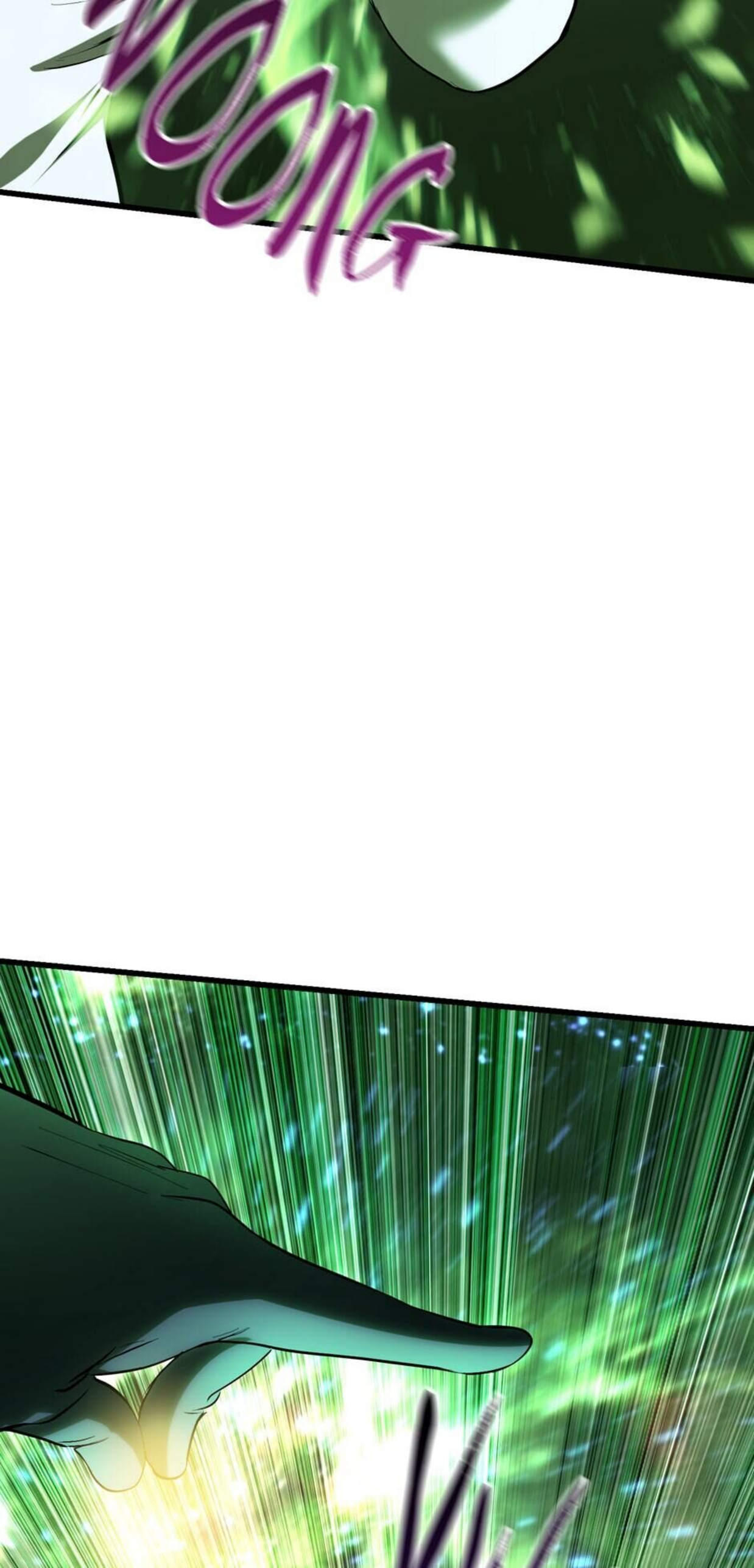
YOU SAVED
US FROM THIS CRISIS.

QUEEN HOLIEN.

ハイ

HOLIEN THE TRANSCENDENT...?

WHY NOW...?!

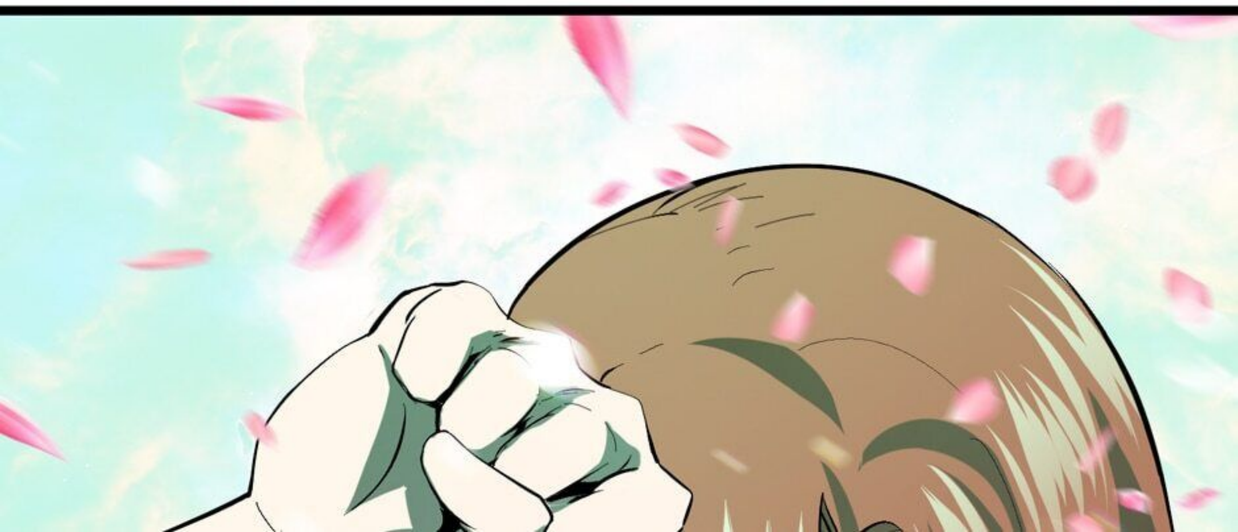

WOONG

WOOSH

ARTIS! EPHYR! HIDE BEHIND ME!
FWOOSH

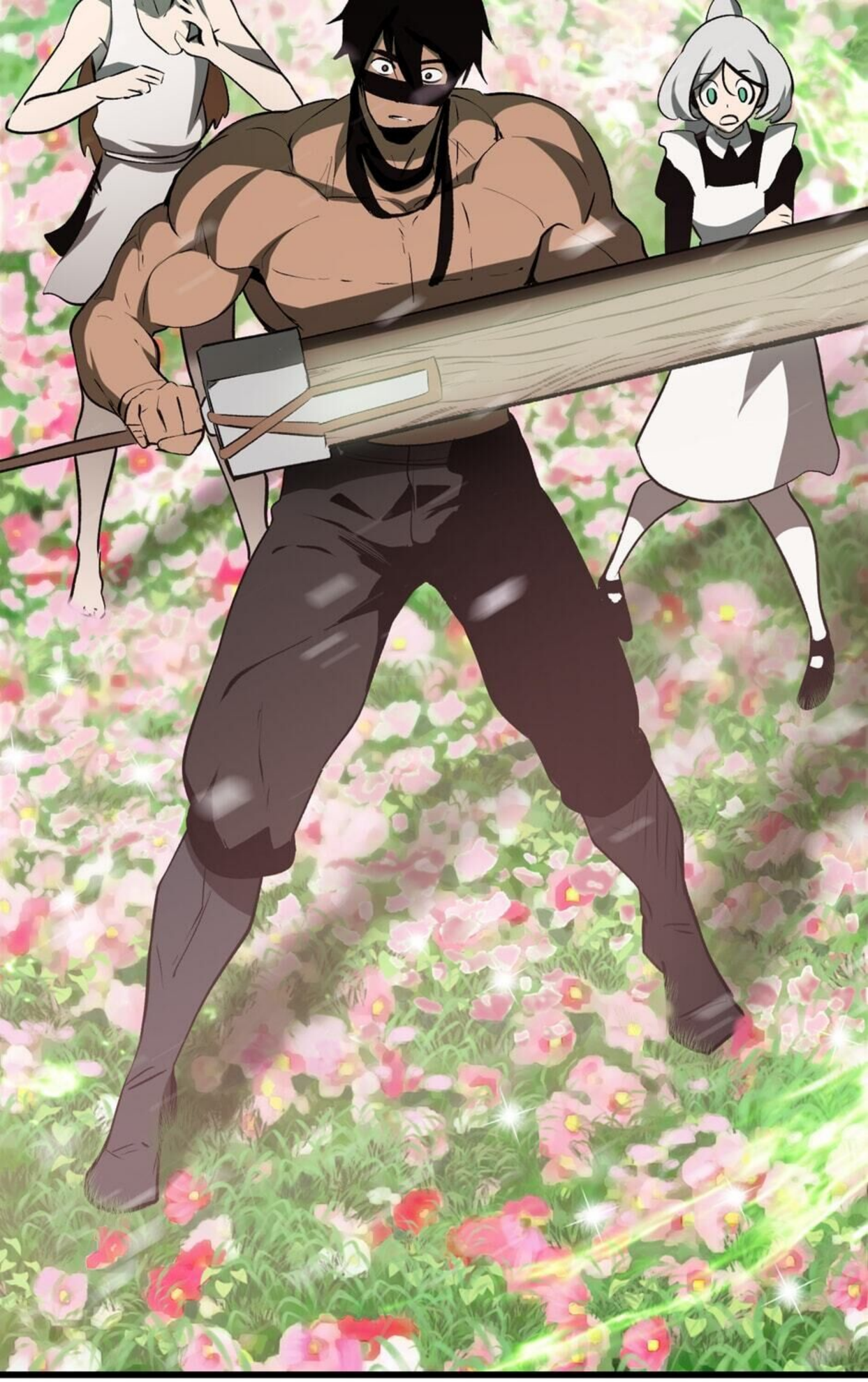
FWOOM

SHWAAA



HER PRANA... IS INCREDIBLY DENSE!

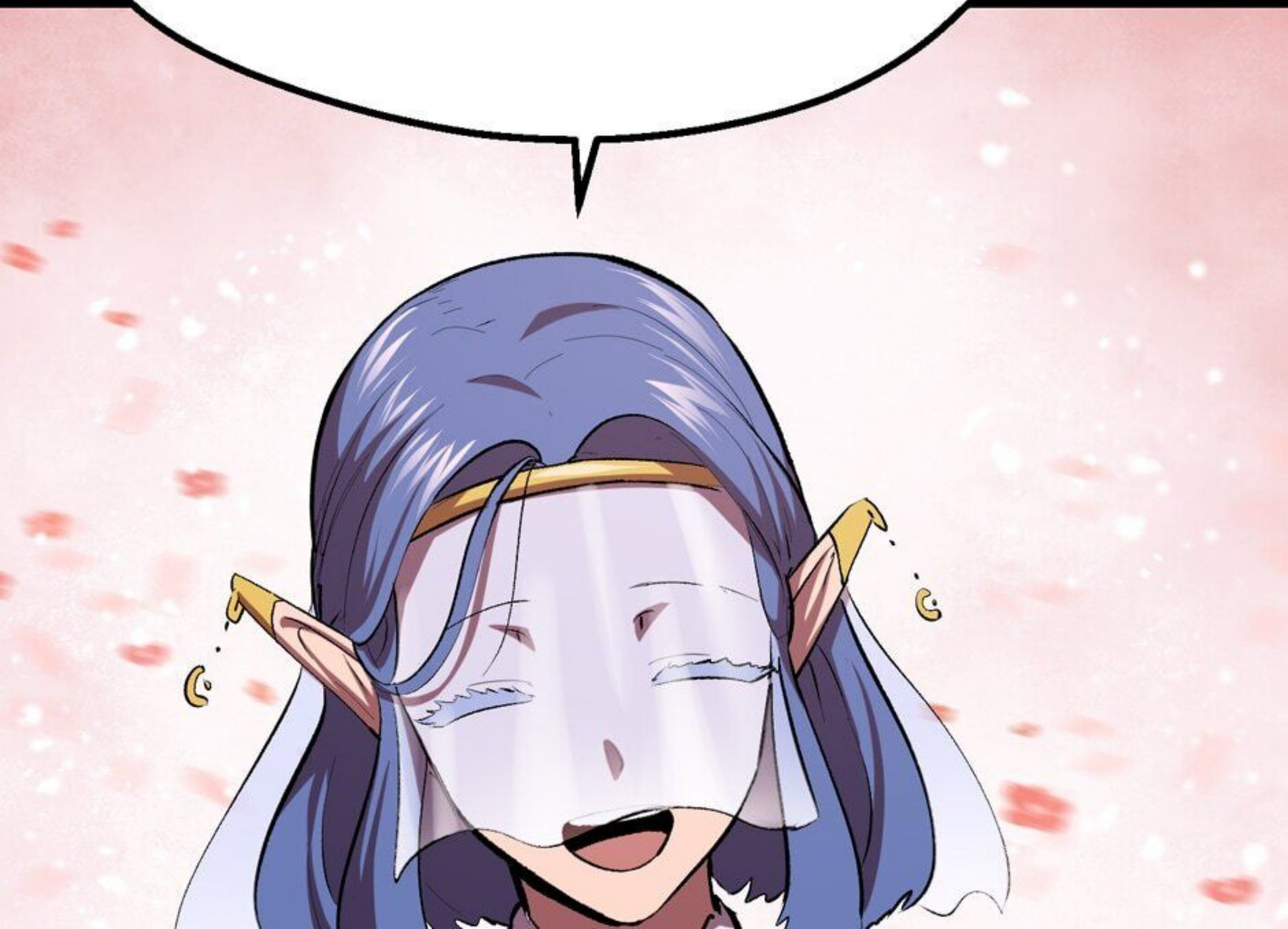
BUT ISN'T THIS...?!

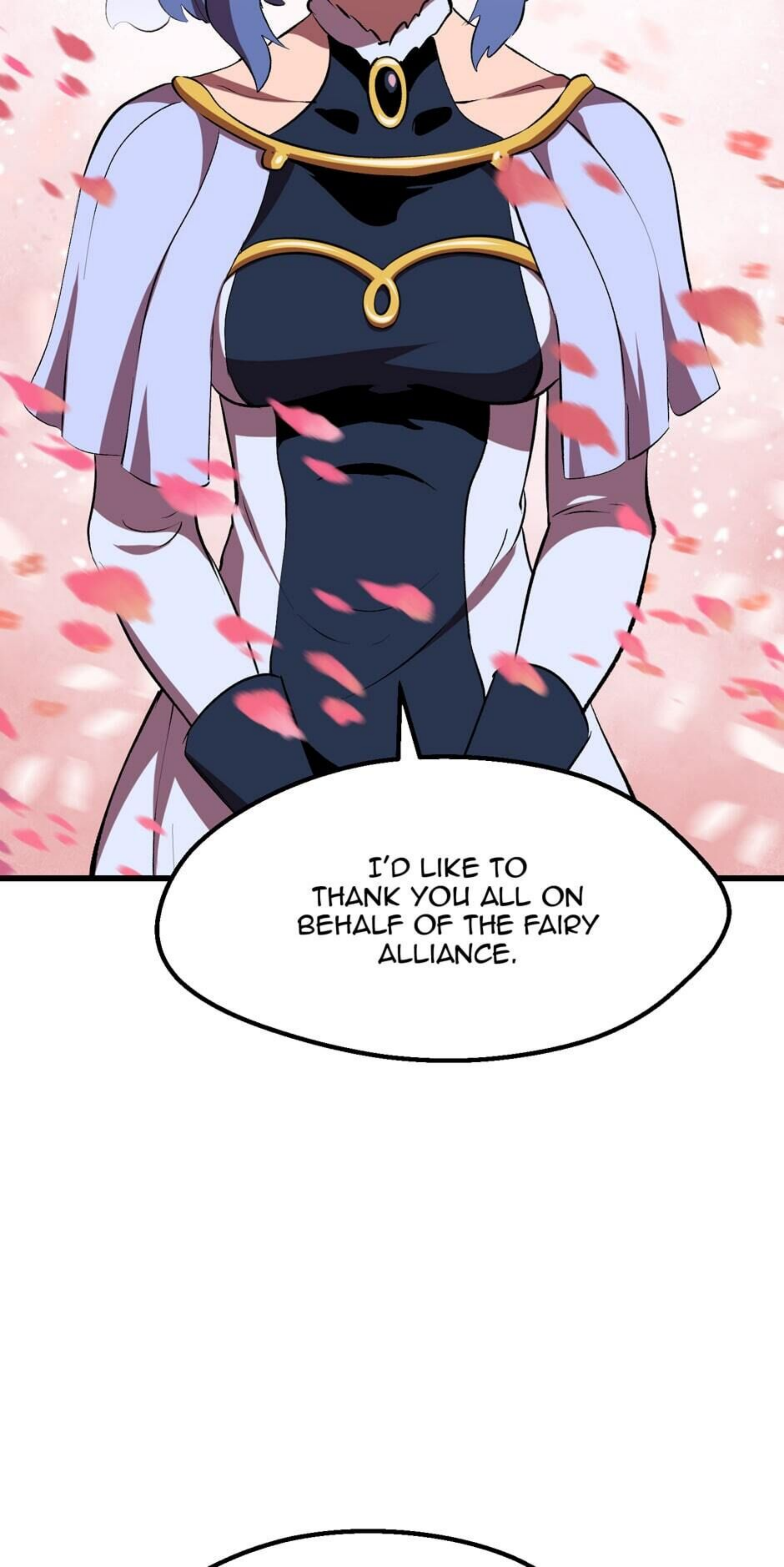


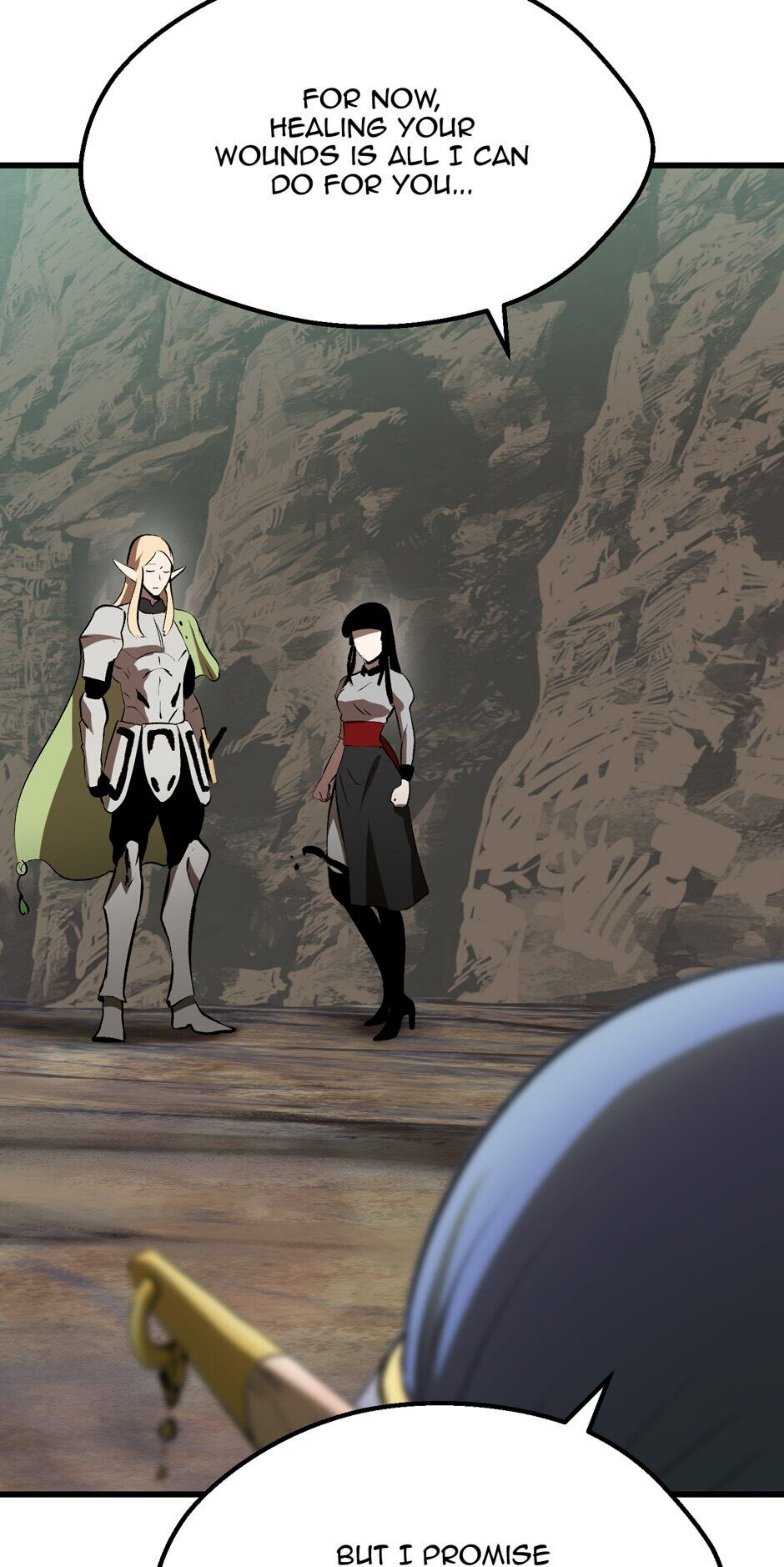
MY WOUNDS...

...ARE GONE.

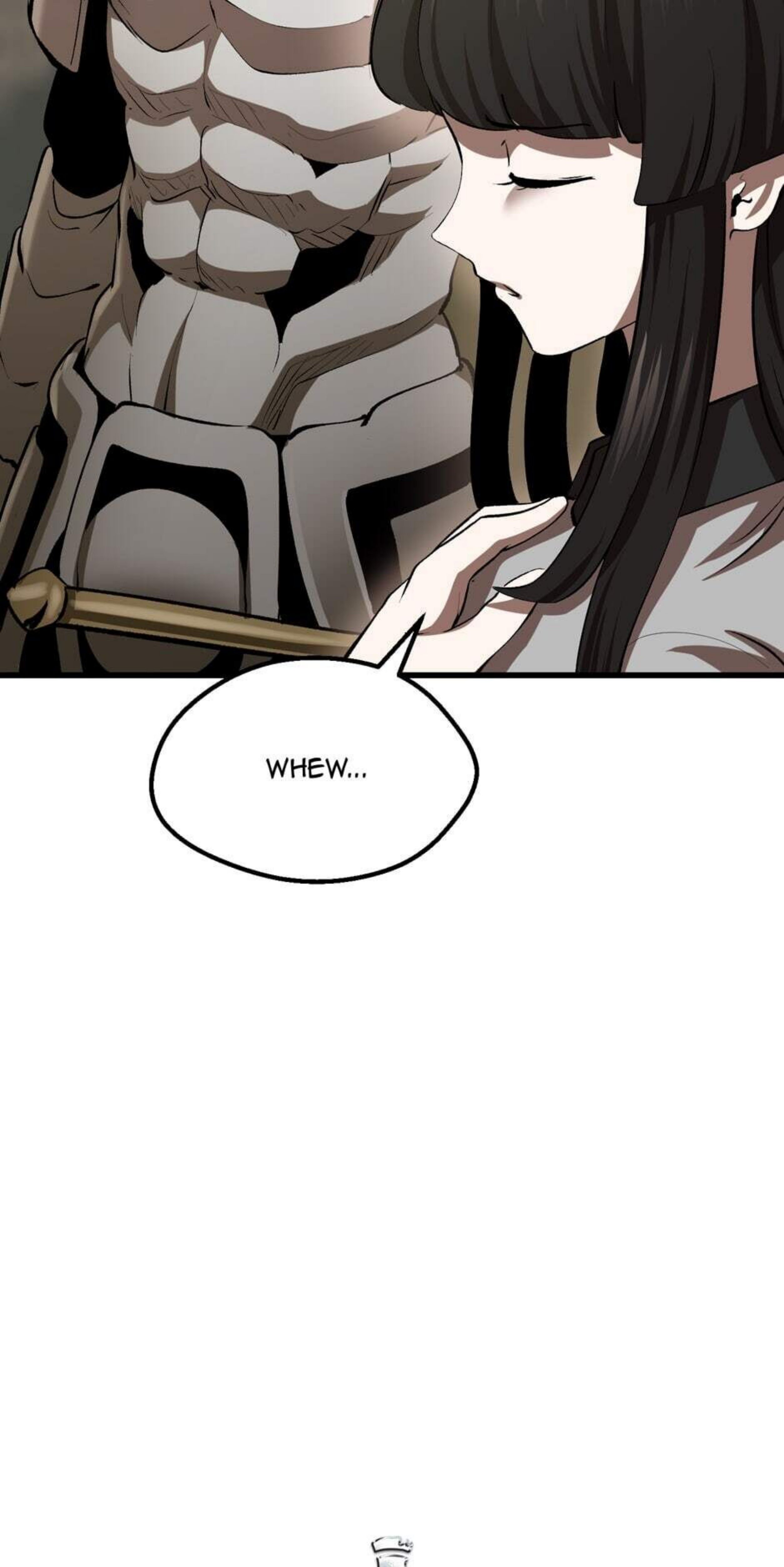
I'VE HEARD
A LOT ABOUT YOU FROM
THE CROWN PRINCE.

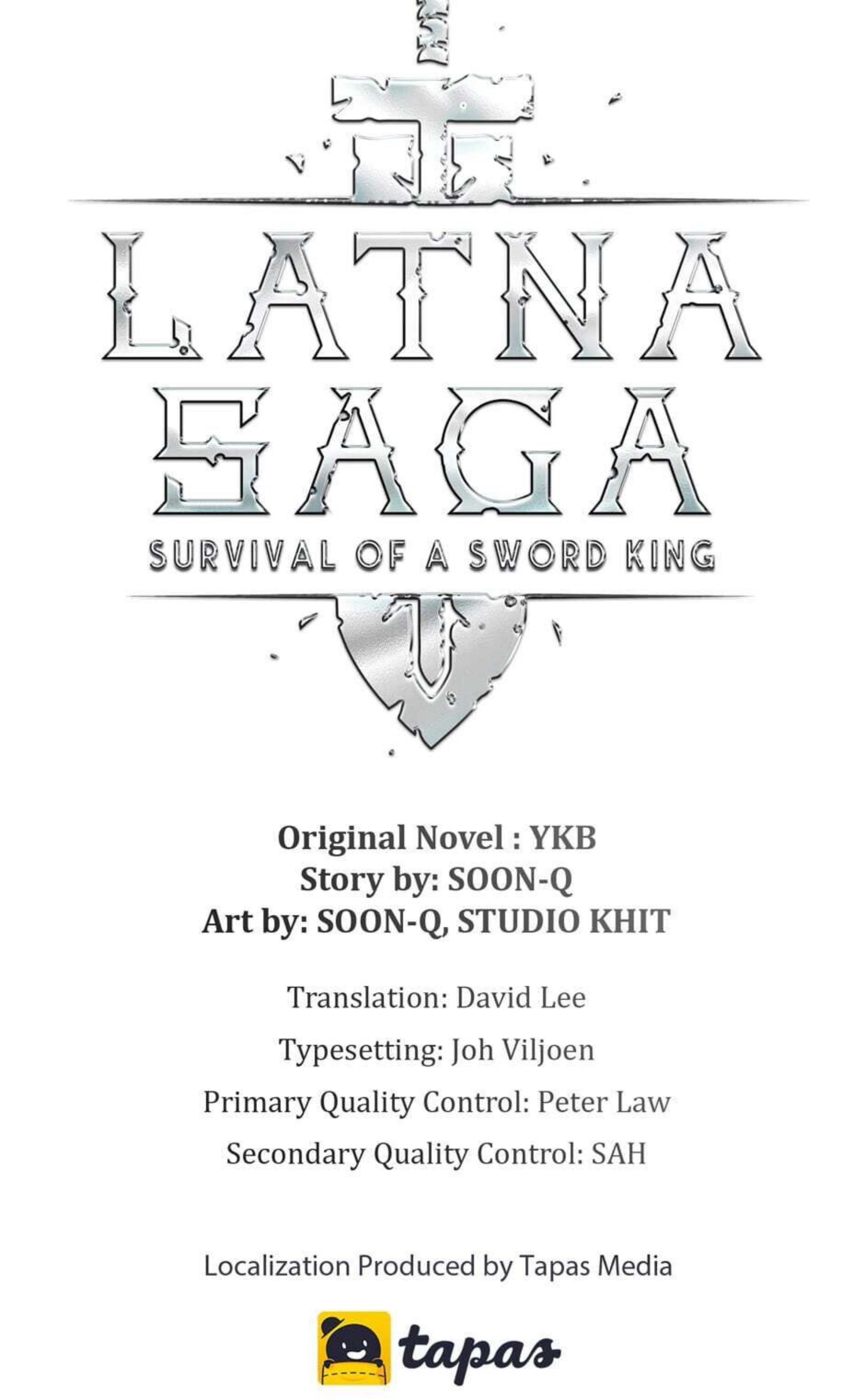



I'D LIKE TO THANK YOU ALL ON BEHALF OF THE FAIRY ALLIANCE.


FOR NOW, HEALING YOUR WOUNDS IS ALL I CAN DO FOR YOU...
BUT I PROMISE

TO GIVE YOU A PROPER REWARD LATER.


WHEW...



Original Novel : YKB
Story by: SOON-Q
Art by: SOON-Q, STUDIO KHIT

Translation: David Lee

Typesetting: Joh Viljoen

Primary Quality Control: Peter Law

Secondary Quality Control: SAH

Localization Produced by Tapas Media

TWO DAYS LATER

THE ELVEN KINGDOM

FRAELSIS PALACE

...THAT WAS THE GATE I SAW, WHICH CONNECTS TO ANOTHER DIMENSION.

THAT CONCLUDES MY REPORT ABOUT THE GATE.
SITTING IN FOR THE ELF KING CAINDEL ATLANSAS

I SEE...

IT'S UNCLEAR WHICH DIMENSION IT CONNECTED TO, AND THERE WAS A MYSTERIOUS, INTELLIGENT MONSTER!

THE DWARF KING
KROM BRINDAL

I COULD'VE TESTED SOME OF OUR NEW WEAPONS IF I HAD GOTTEN HERE A LITTLE SOONER... WHAT A SHAME.

IT WOULD'VE BEEN NICE IF WE COULD'VE CAPTURED THAT MONSTER WITH YOUR ANTIQUATED DWARF WEAPONS, BUT...

THE SYLPH KING
CUDIVATI XXXII
THE PROBLEM IS THAT THE MONSTER WAS DETERMINED TO CRAWL OUT OF THERE ON HIS OWN.
WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT

AH, YOU'RE BAKING POTATO!

THE ONLY GOOD THING WAS THAT QUEEN HOLIEN MANAGED TO GET THERE IN TIME TO STOP IT~

THE NYMPH QUEEN [HEAD OF THE FAIRY ALLIANCE] HOLIEN FRANDLICH

OH, NO...

ALL I DID WAS TO PUSH THE MONSTER BACK THROUGH THAT GATE IN THE END.

IF SIR RAONDEL AND THOSE HUNTERS DIDN'T RISK THEIR LIVES BY FIGHTING IT...

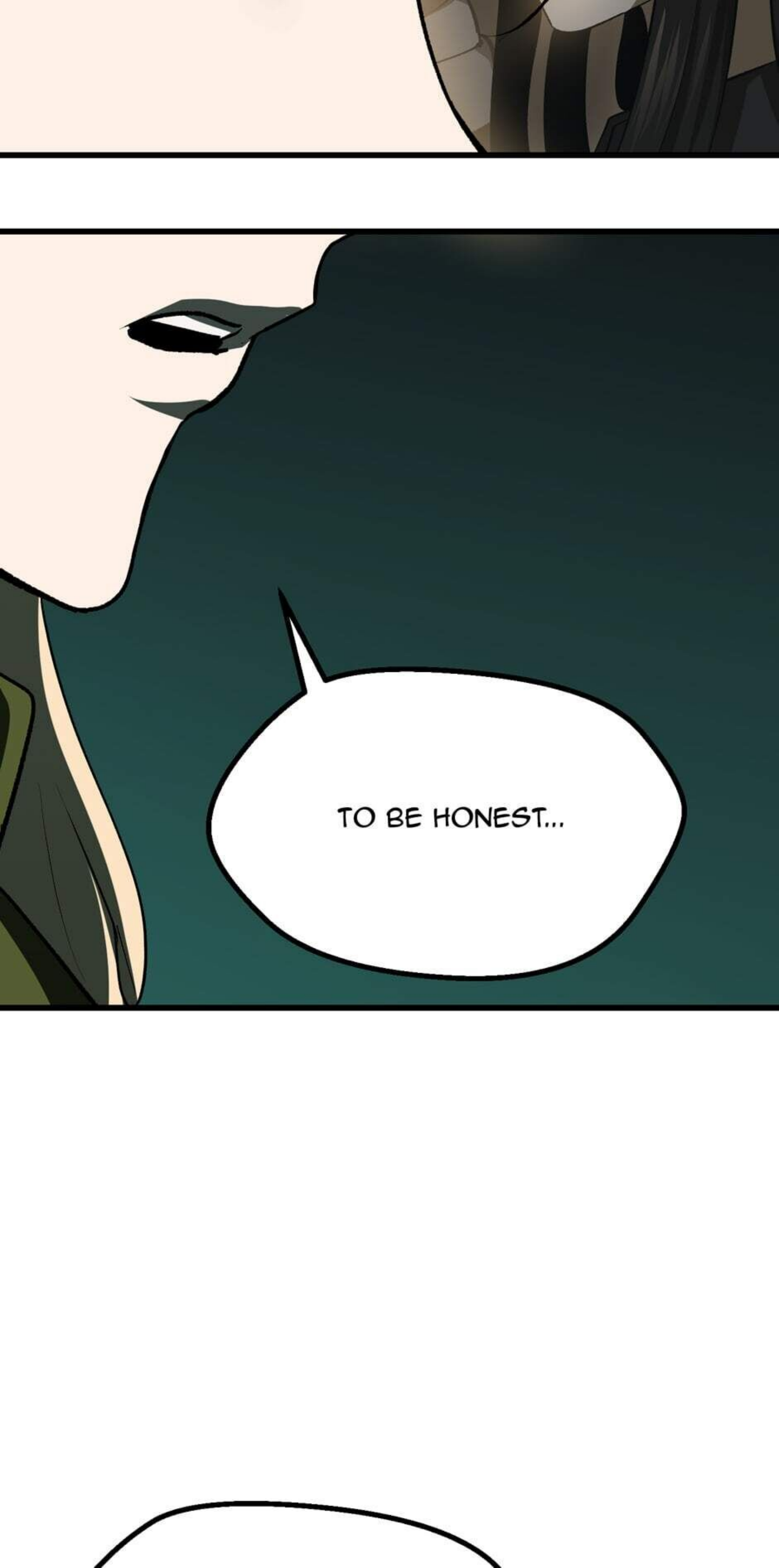
I WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN ABLE TO PREVENT A MAJOR DISASTER FROM HAPPENING.

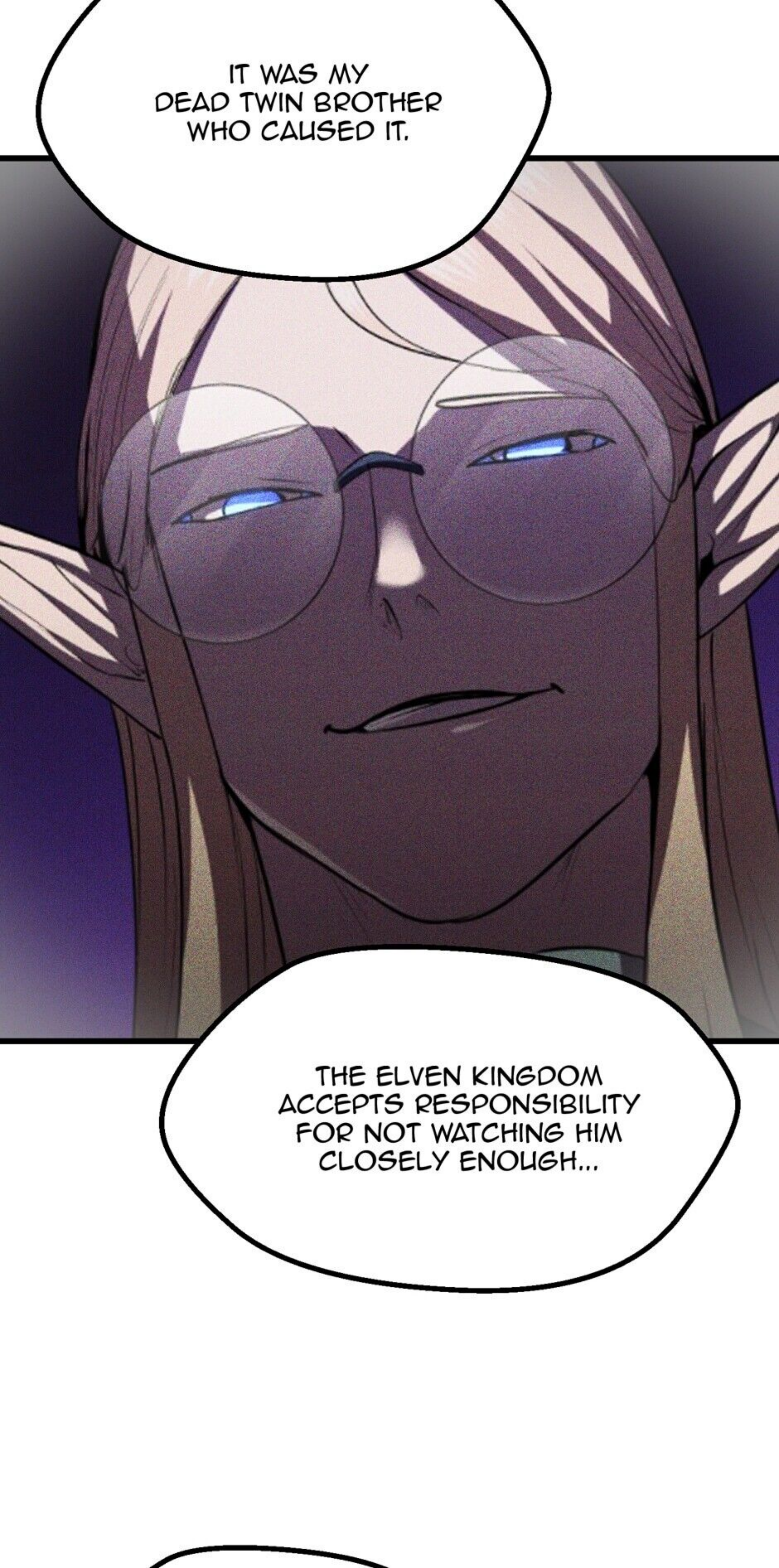
THE VALTARAN WARRIOR AND HIS FRIENDS~ *HOW AMAZING!*

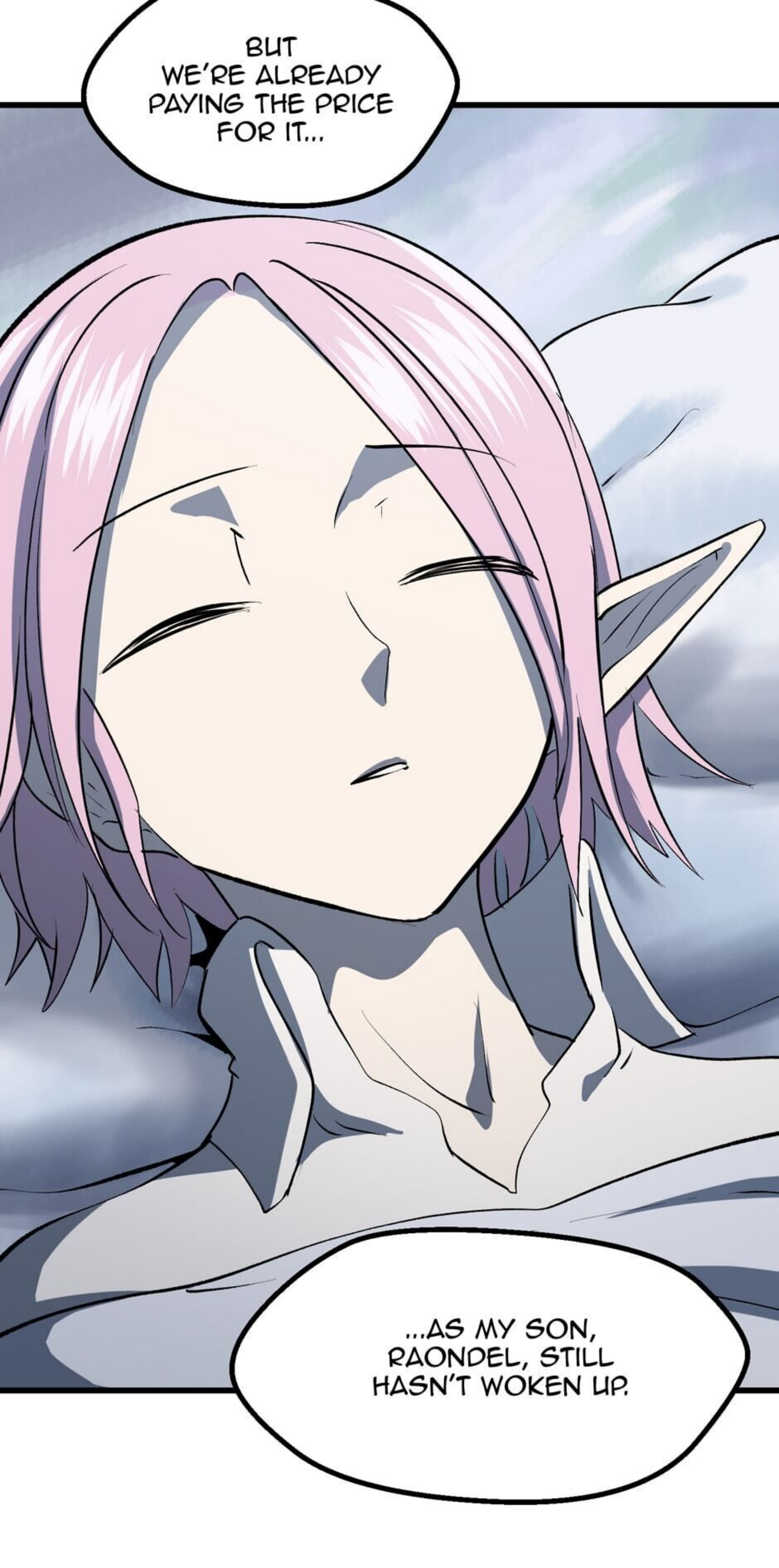
I UNDERSTAND THAT THOSE HUNTERS DID A LOT TO CLOSE THE GATE, BUT...

CONVERSELY...
HOW WAS THAT POSSIBLE?

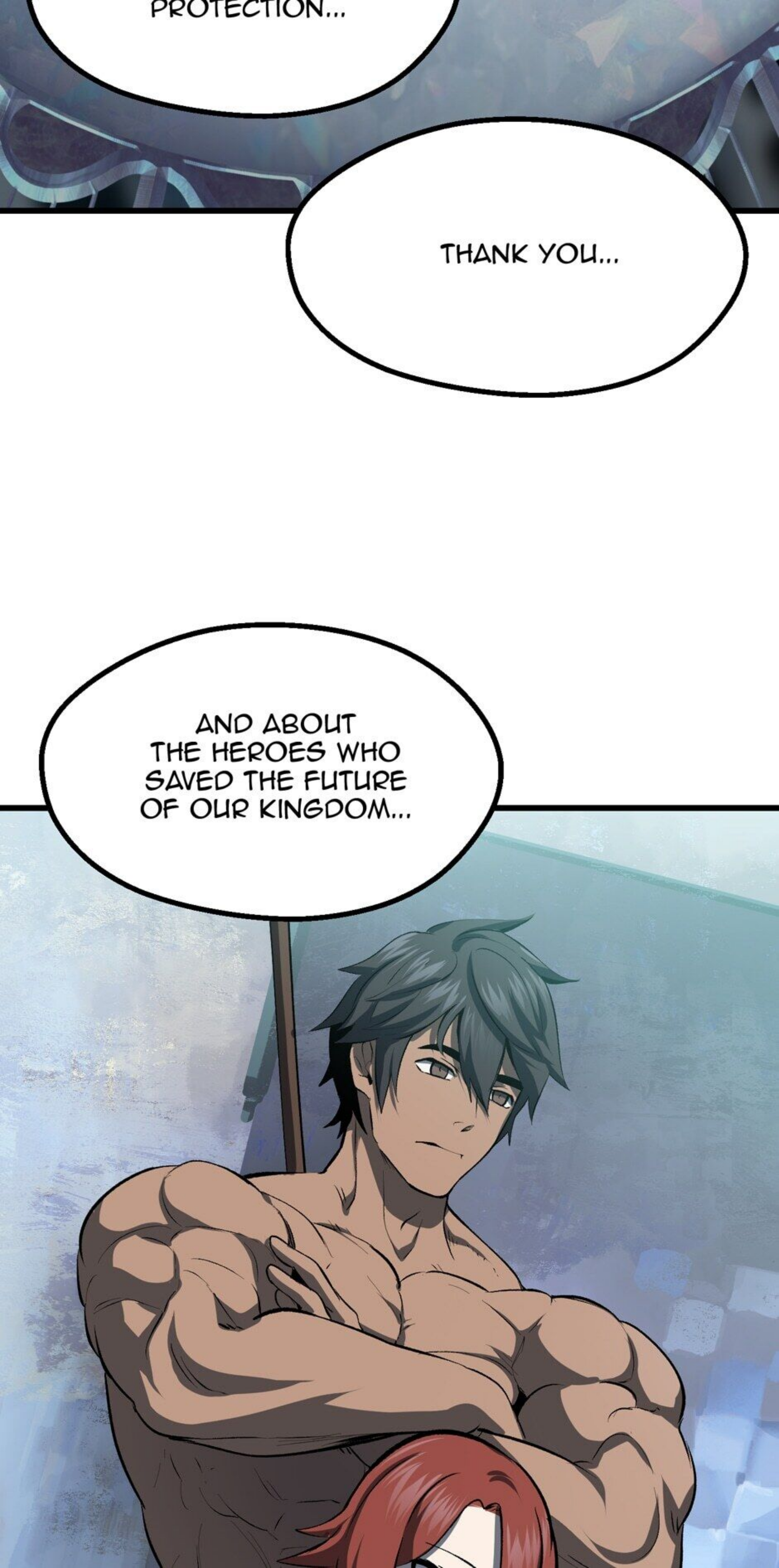
DID THEY HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH CAUSING THIS INCIDENT TO BEGIN WITH?

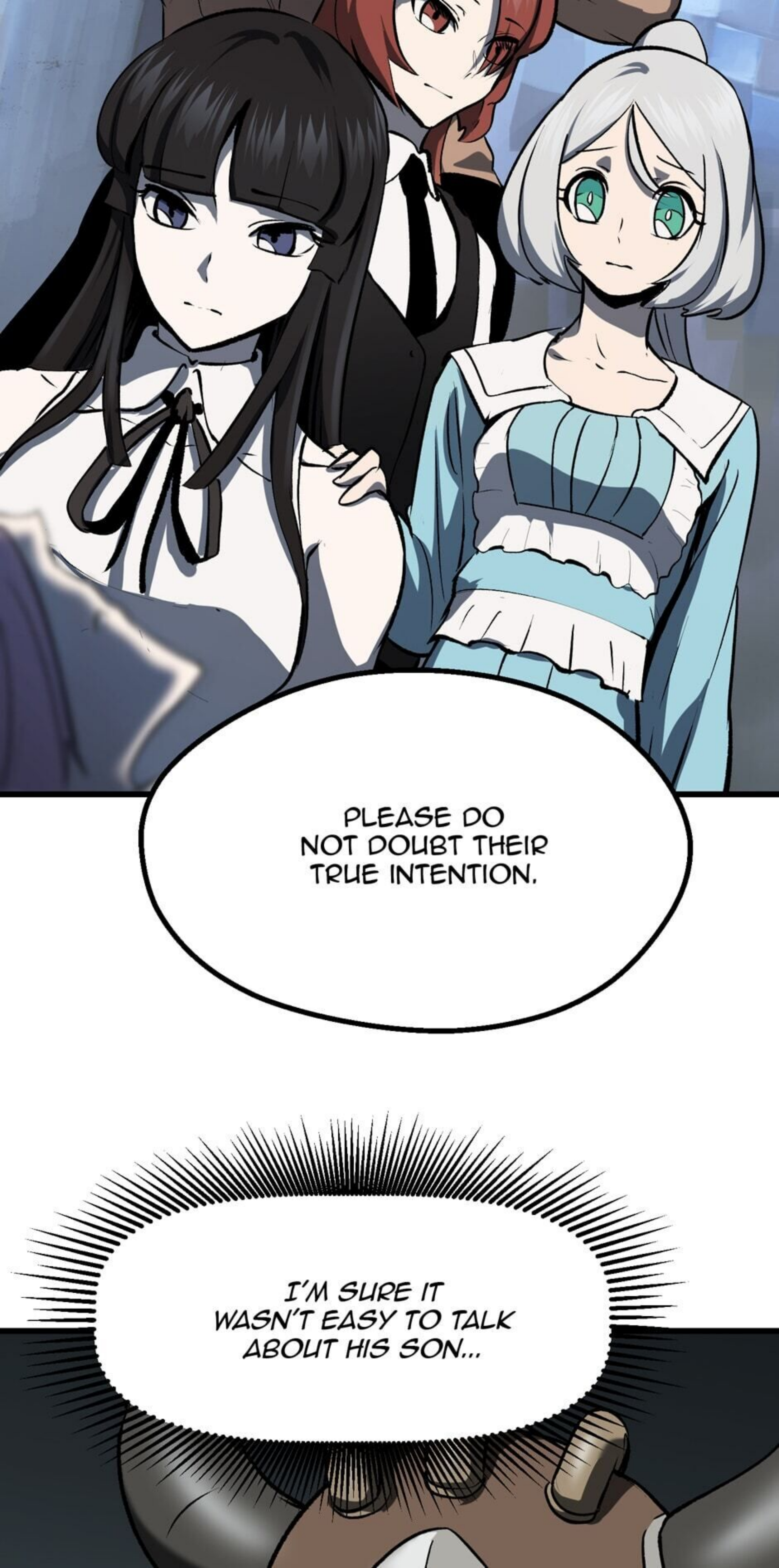

TO BE HONEST...

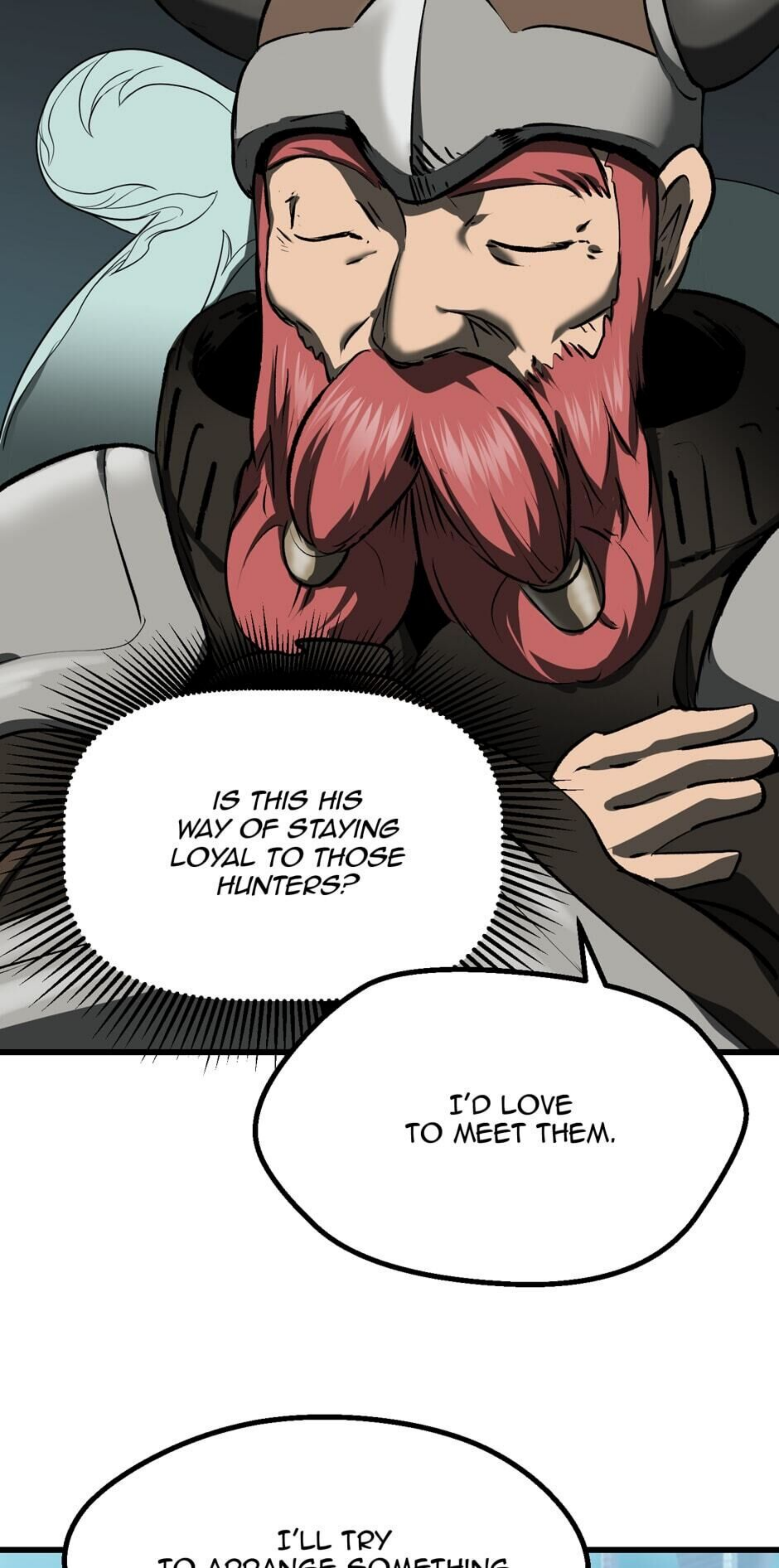

IT WAS MY DEAD TWIN BROTHER WHO CAUSED IT.
THE ELVEN KINGDOM ACCEPTS RESPONSIBILITY FOR NOT WATCHING HIM CLOSELY ENOUGH...


BUT WE'RE ALREADY PAYING THE PRICE FOR IT...
...AS MY SON, RAONDEL, STILL HASN'T WOKEN UP.

HE'S YOUR SON~?!
I KNEW IT! THE OLD MAN DOESN'T HAVE IT IN HIM ANYMORE!
I PRAY FOR THE GODDESS'


PROTECTION...
THANK YOU...
AND ABOUT THE HEROES WHO SAVED THE FUTURE OF OUR KINGDOM...


PLEASE DO NOT DOUBT THEIR TRUE INTENTION.
I'M SURE IT WASN'T EASY TO TALK ABOUT HIS SON...

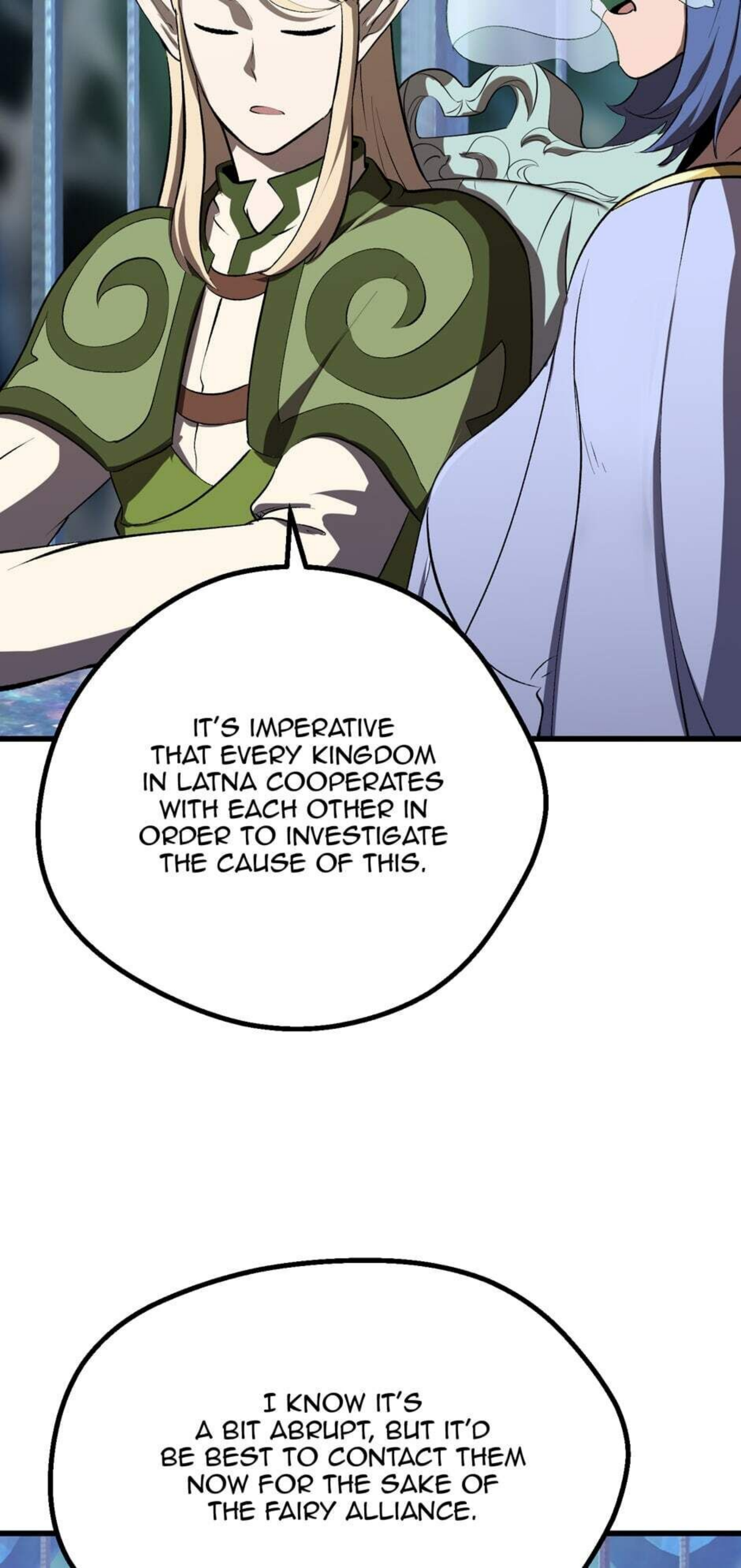

IS THIS HIS WAY OF STAYING LOYAL TO THOSE HUNTERS?
I'D LOVE TO MEET THEM.
I'LL TRY

TO ARRANGE SOMETHING IN THE FUTURE.
TIME FOR A BANQUET~
GOOD HUNTERS SHOULD BE REWARDED!

BUT...
THIS IS ODD,
ISN'T IT~?
ACCORDING
TO OUR INFORMATION,
THE GATES ARE HAPPENING
ALL OVER LATNA~

HOW IS IT THAT GARHAN THE LIGHTNING LORD, WHO RULES OVER THE CALDRIS KINGDOM WHICH HAS THE LARGEST TERRITORY...

OR EVEN ZENOVIA, WHO LOVES THE LATEST AND MYSTERIOUS MAGIC SPELLS, AREN'T DOING ANYTHING ABOUT THIS~?
TH-THAT'S BECAUSE...


IT'S IMPERATIVE THAT EVERY KINGDOM IN LATNA COOPERATES WITH EACH OTHER IN ORDER TO INVESTIGATE THE CAUSE OF THIS.
I KNOW IT'S A BIT ABRUPT, BUT IT'D BE BEST TO CONTACT THEM NOW FOR THE SAKE OF THE FAIRY ALLIANCE.

WE CAN USE OUR COMMUNICATION SYSTEM.

I HAVE NO IDEA.

WE'RE LOOKING INTO WHAT CAUSED IT.
IF I KNEW THERE WAS SOMETHING LIKE THAT, I WOULD'VE RUN OVER THERE TO CHECK IT OUT MYSELF!

IT'S JUST BEEN HARD TO GET AROUND LATELY.

THAT'S WHY I TOLD YOU ABOUT THE GATE AHEAD OF TIME, HOLIEN.

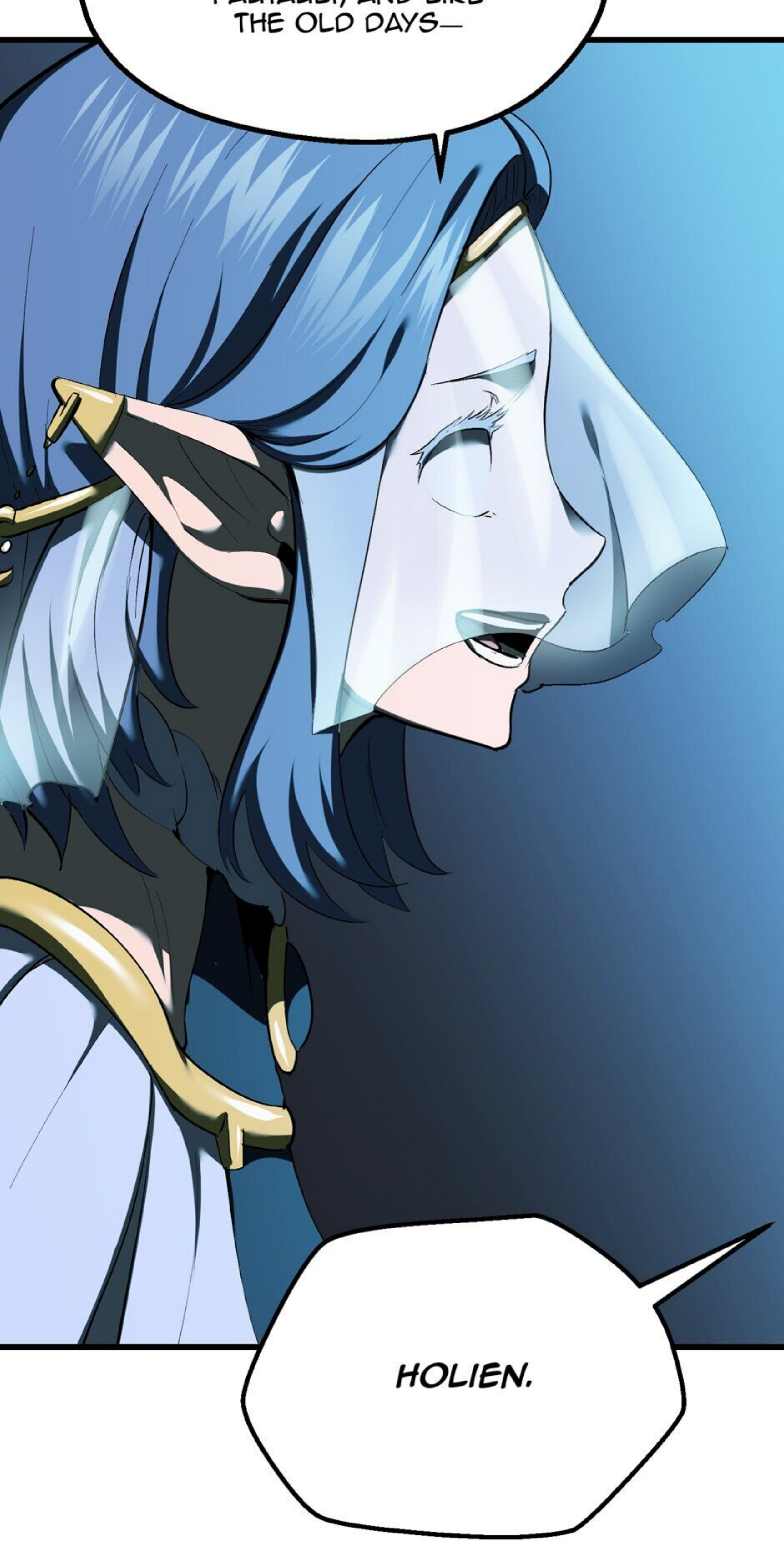
I KNOW IT'S THANKS TO YOUR WARNING THAT I WAS ABLE TO STOP A MAJOR CATASTROPHE FROM HAPPENING,

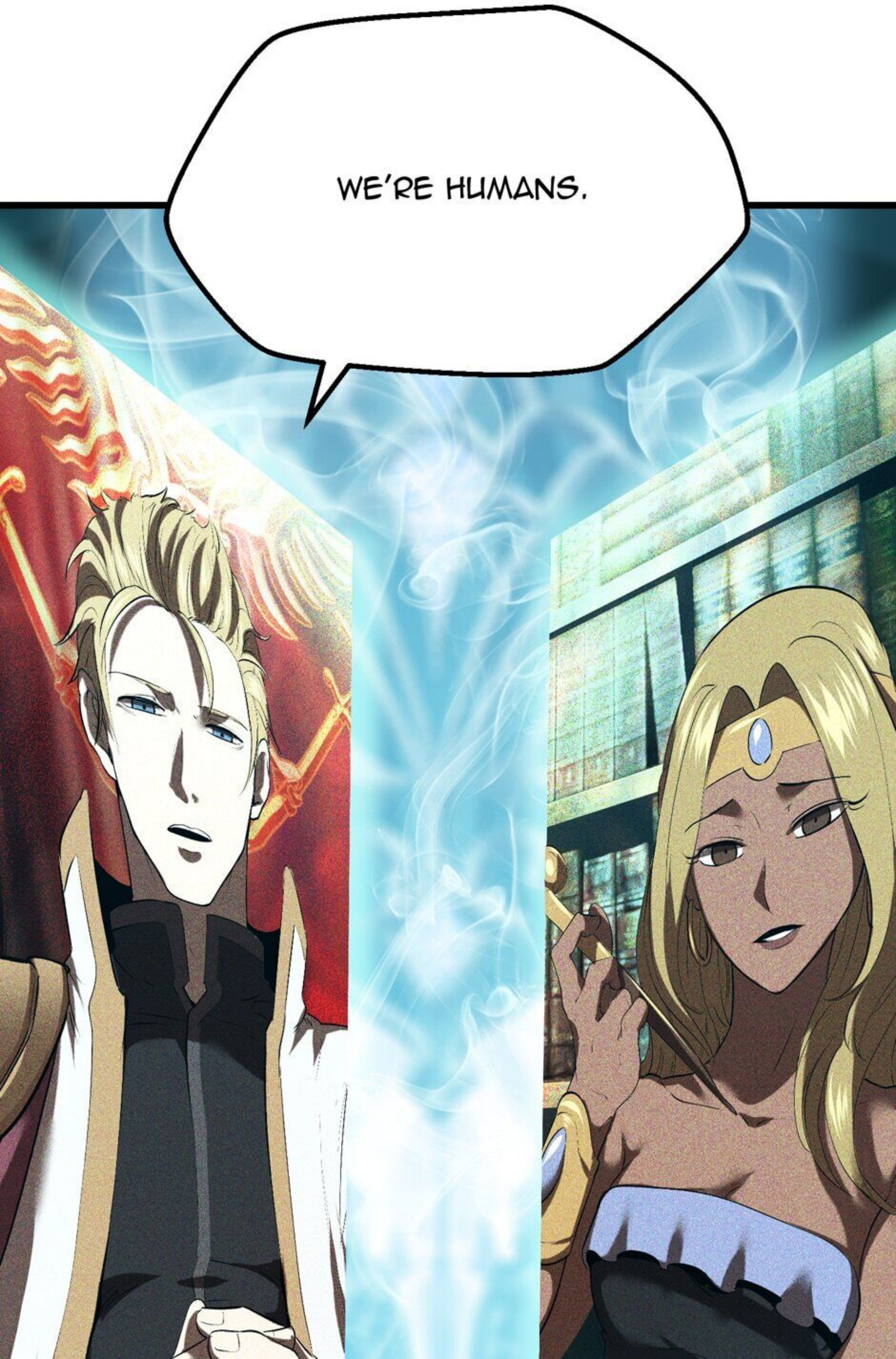
BUT QUITE HONESTLY... I'M STILL NERVOUS ABOUT THIS.

I KNOW YOU TWO ARE BUSY STUDYING...

WHAT WAS IT... 'THE DEMONIC GOD'S BLESSING'? BUT...

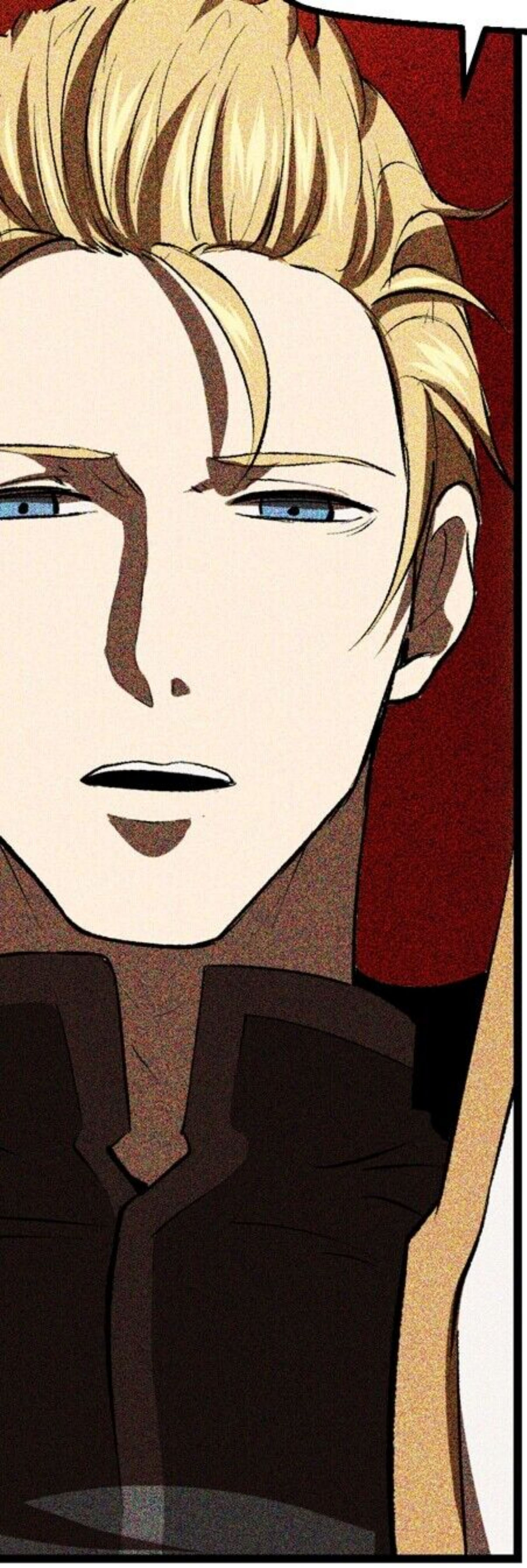
LATNA'S FACING A CRISIS!
I THINK WE SHOULD FIND


THE OLD DAYS—
HOLIEN.


WE'RE HUMANS.

WE'RE NOT LIKE YOU NYMPHS—WE DON'T HAVE AS MUCH TIME LEFT... YOU KNOW THAT ALREADY.

WITH OMPHALOS' BLESSING, IT WON'T TAKE LONG FOR US TO ATTAIN ETERNAL LIFE.



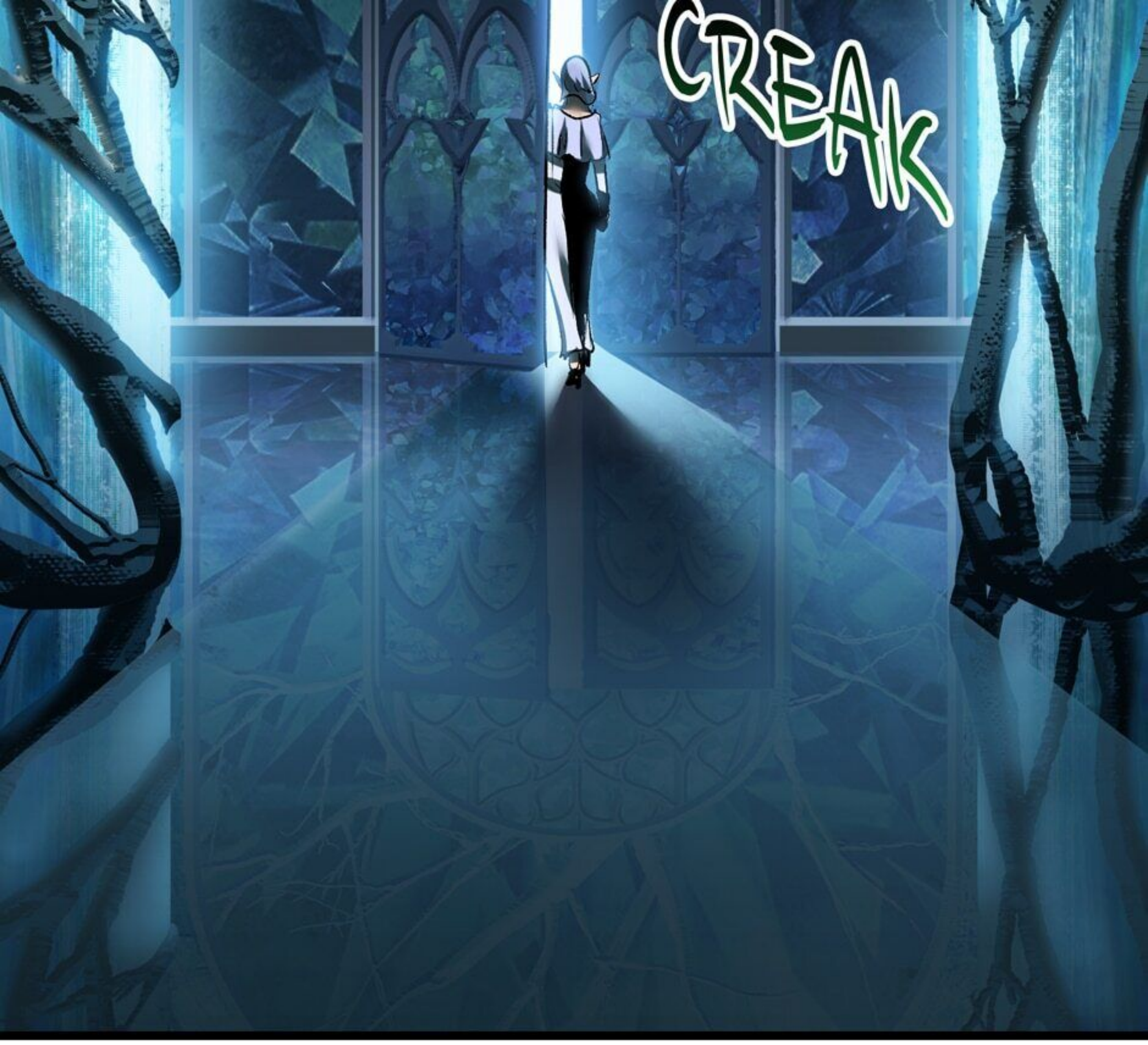
OR DO YOU...
...BELIEVE IT'S AGAINST THE GODDESS' WILL FOR US TO LIVE FOREVER?

N-NO...!

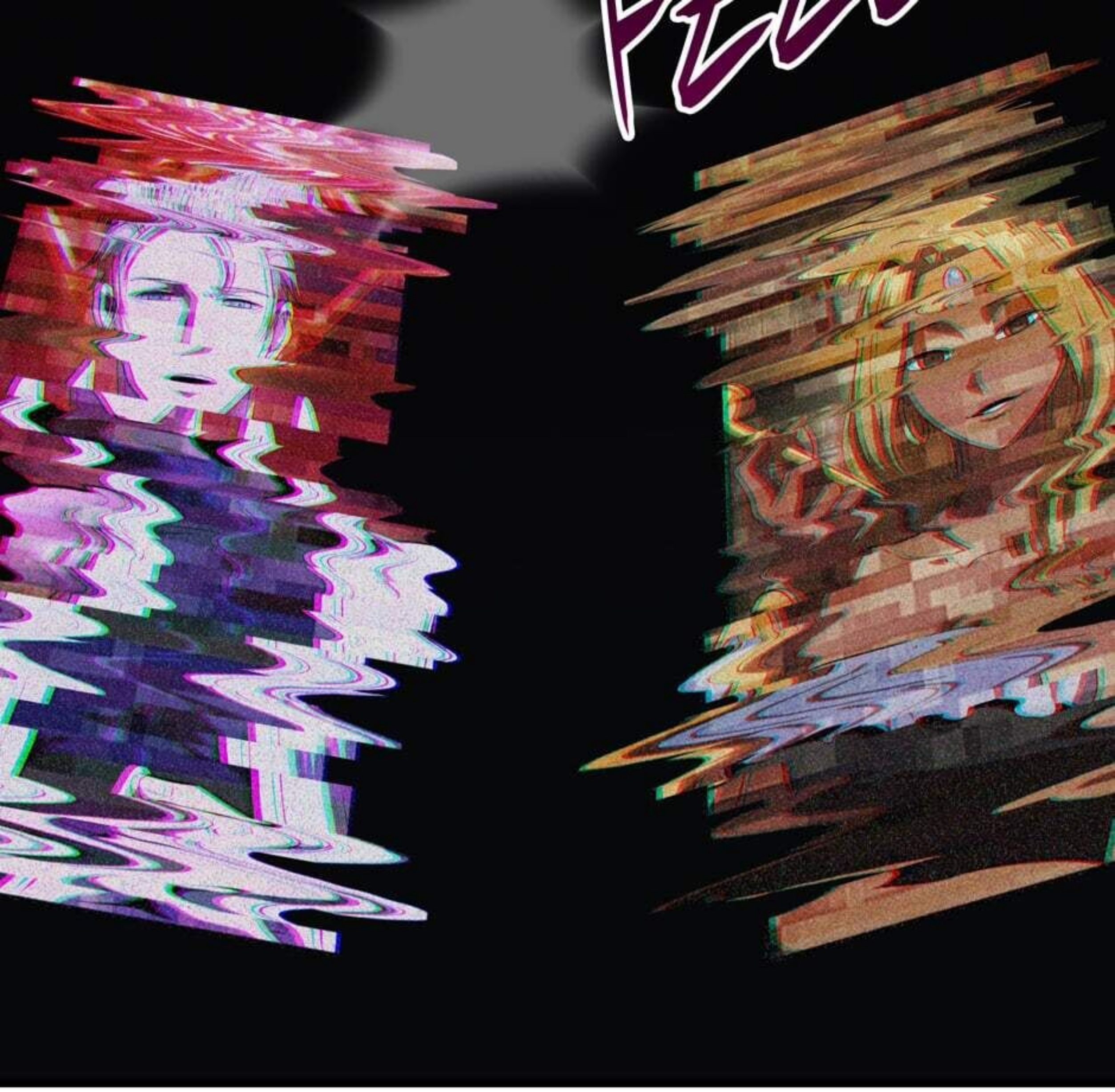
OF COURSE NOT...
CLENCH
I WOULDN'T WANT MY FRIENDS... TO DIE...

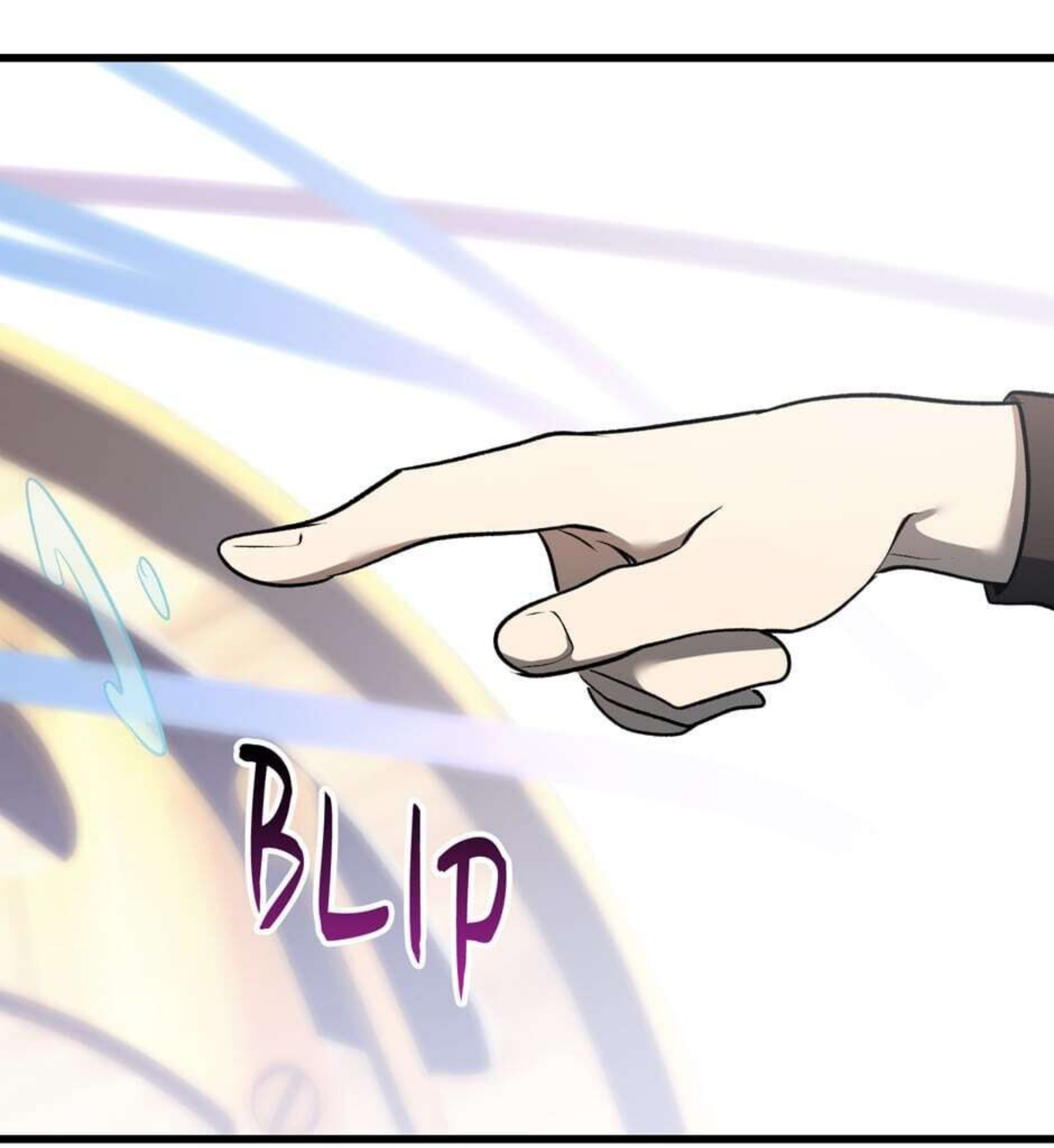
WE'LL LEAVE YOU TO DEAL WITH THIS CURRENT SITUATION. IT'S ALL FOR US—THE FOUR HEROES—TO SAVE LATNA ALL OVER AGAIN.

I UNDERSTAND.


CREAK

Jeeeek

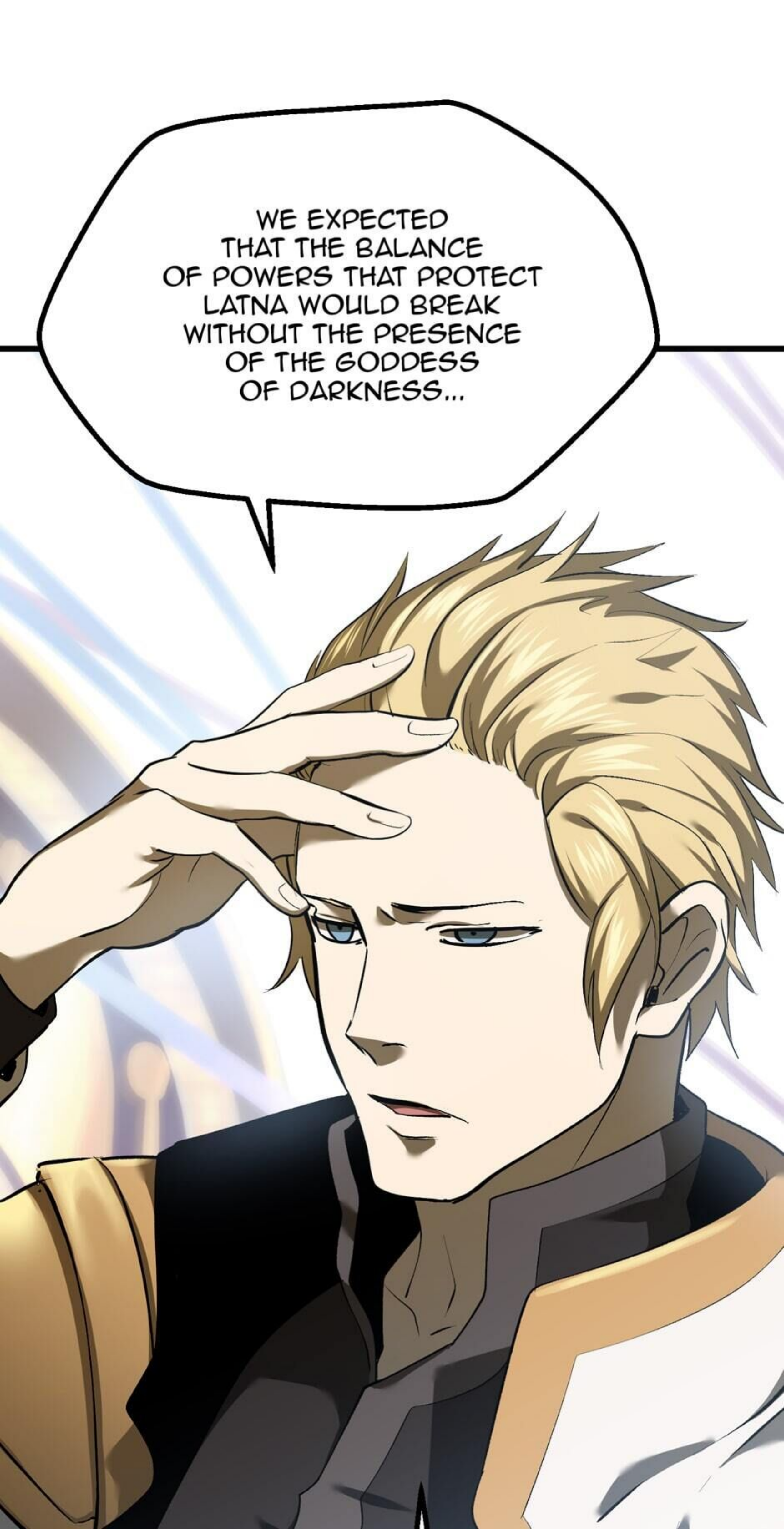



BLID

WHEW...

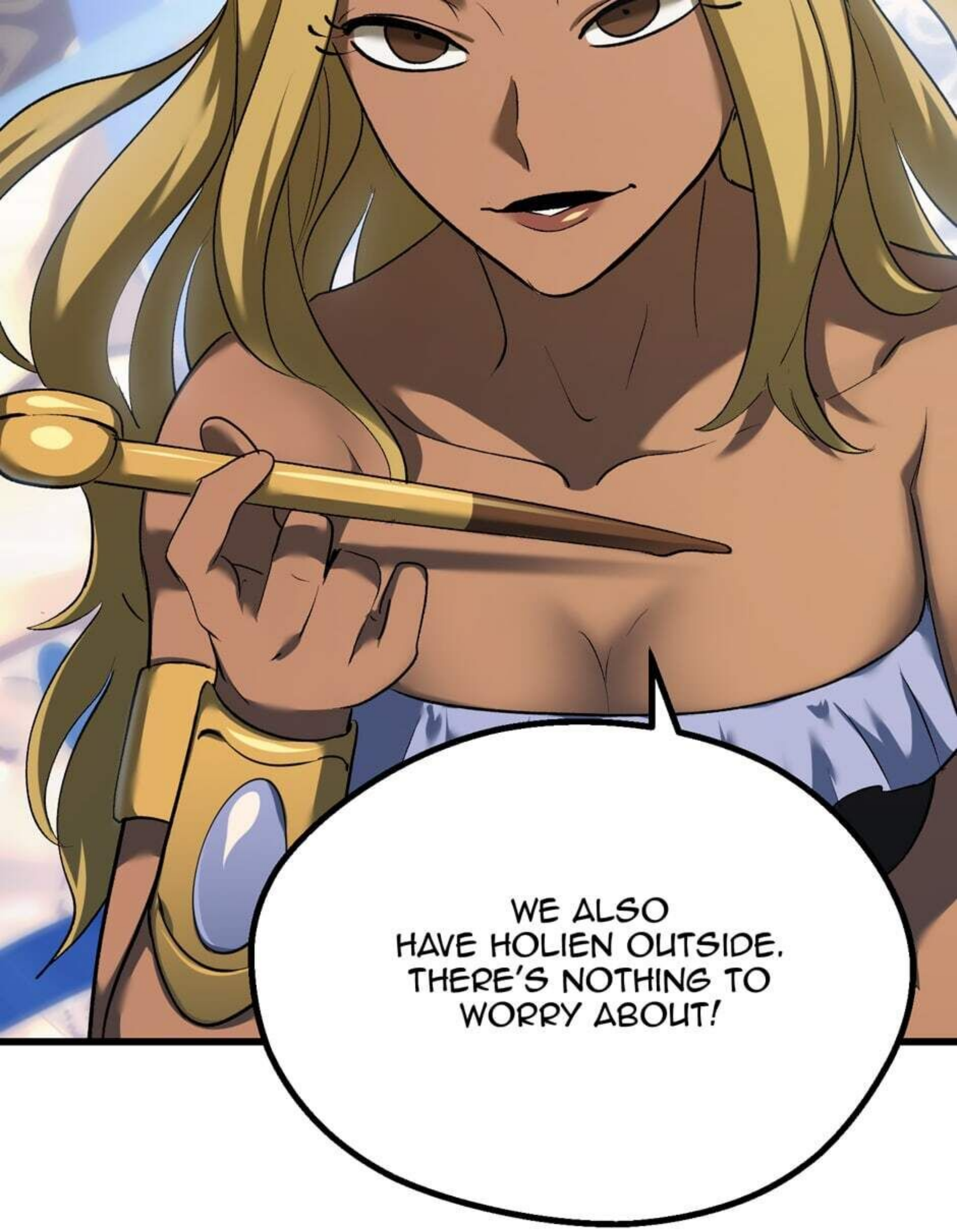
THERE'S NO NEED TO SIGH~ WHY DON'T WE JUST TELL HOLIEN EVERYTHING?

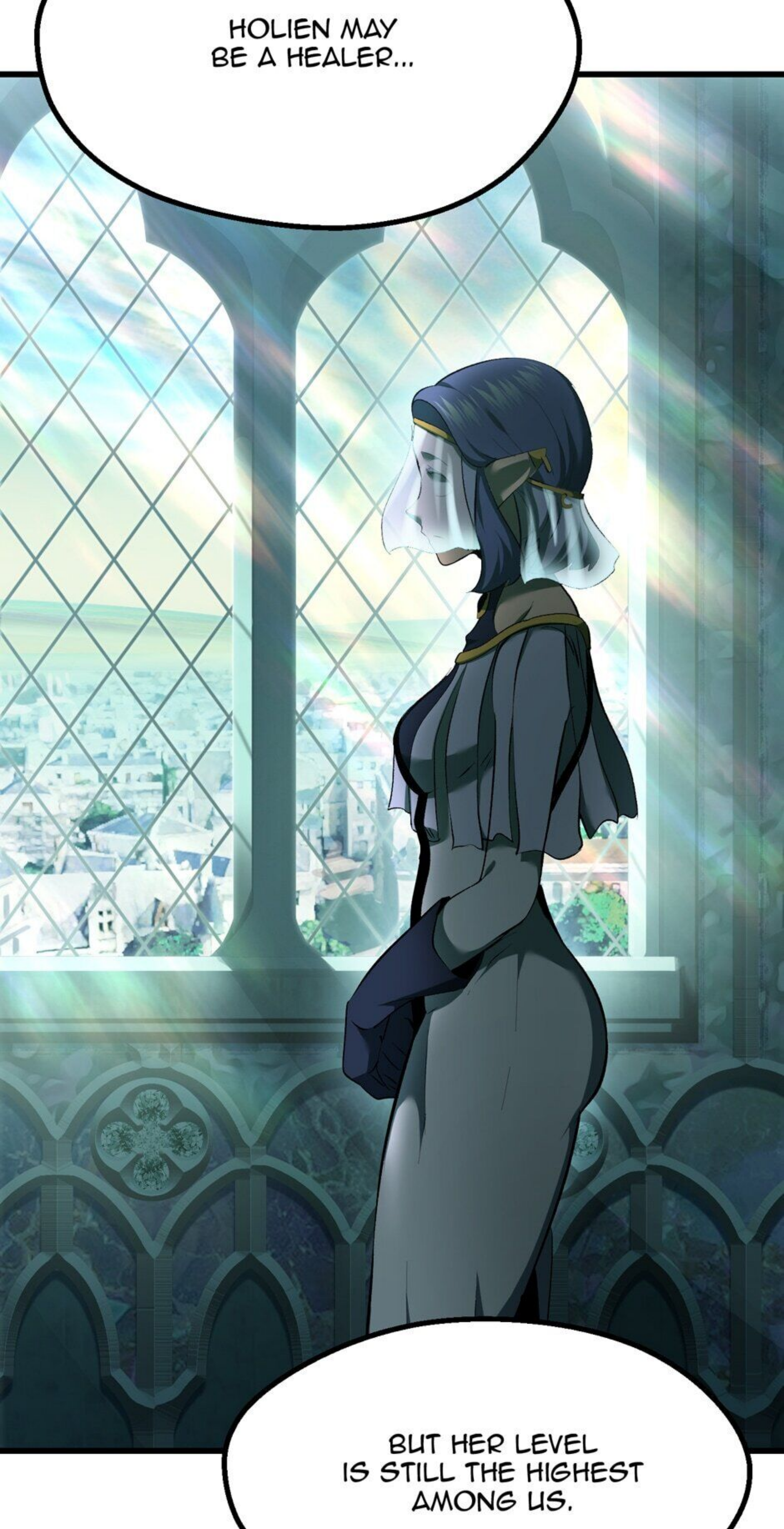
YOU KNOW THAT WON'T WORK.
THAT'S TRUE... HOLIEN BARELY AGREED TO US USING GREAT EARTH AND OMPHALOS' BLESSING.
THE BIGGER PROBLEM IS THE GATE.

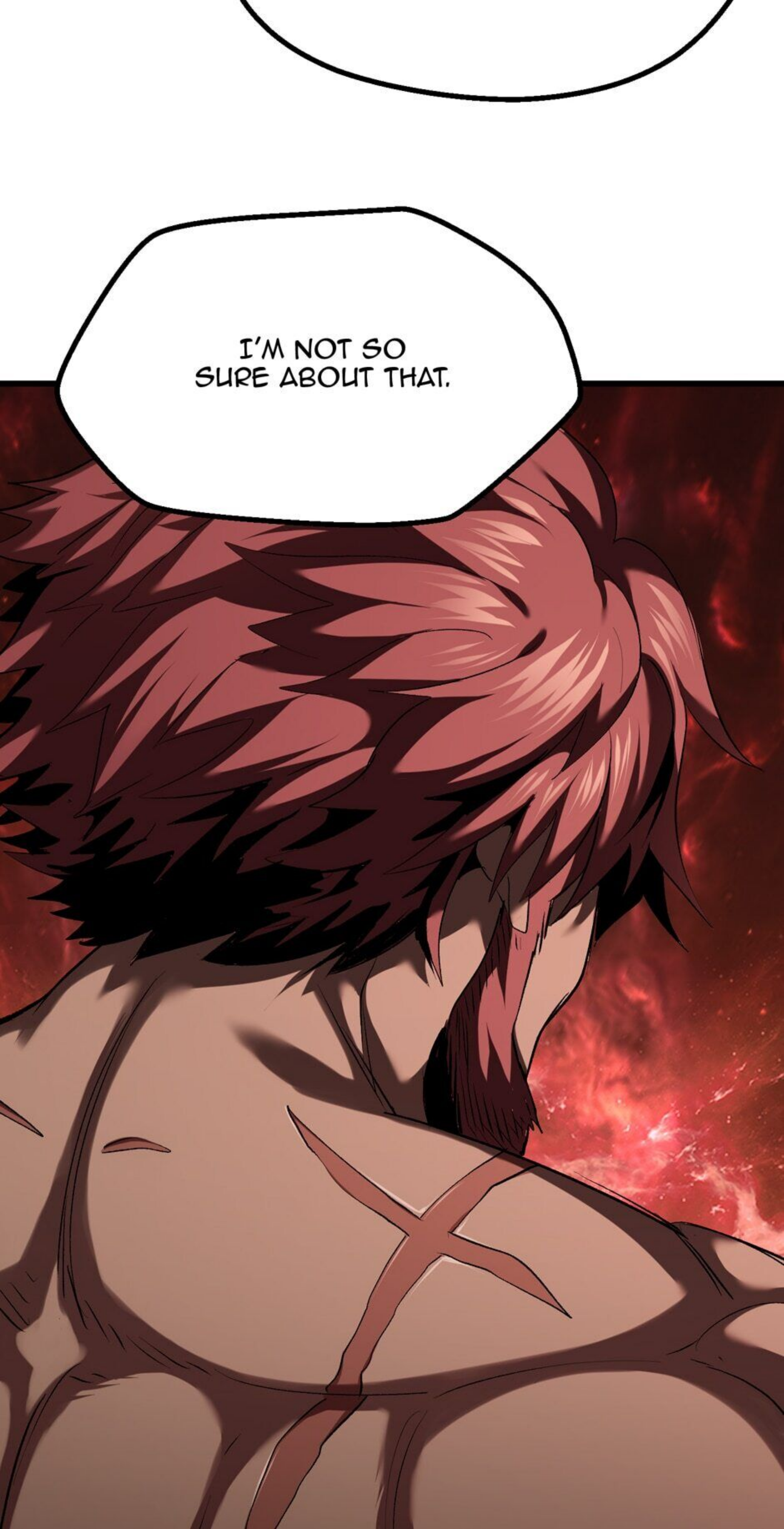

WE EXPECTED THAT THE BALANCE OF POWERS THAT PROTECT LATNA WOULD BREAK WITHOUT THE PRESENCE OF THE GODDESS OF DARKNESS...

BUT WE DIDN'T EXPECT A CONNECTION TO THE WORLD OF OMPHALOS TO OPEN UP.

ISN'T THAT JUST A TEMPORARY ISSUE? IT'LL BE RESOLVED ONCE WE ABSORB ALL OF THE GODDESS' POWER.


WE ALSO HAVE HOLIEN OUTSIDE. THERE'S NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT!


HOLIEN MAY BE A HEALER...
BUT HER LEVEL IS STILL THE HIGHEST AMONG US.

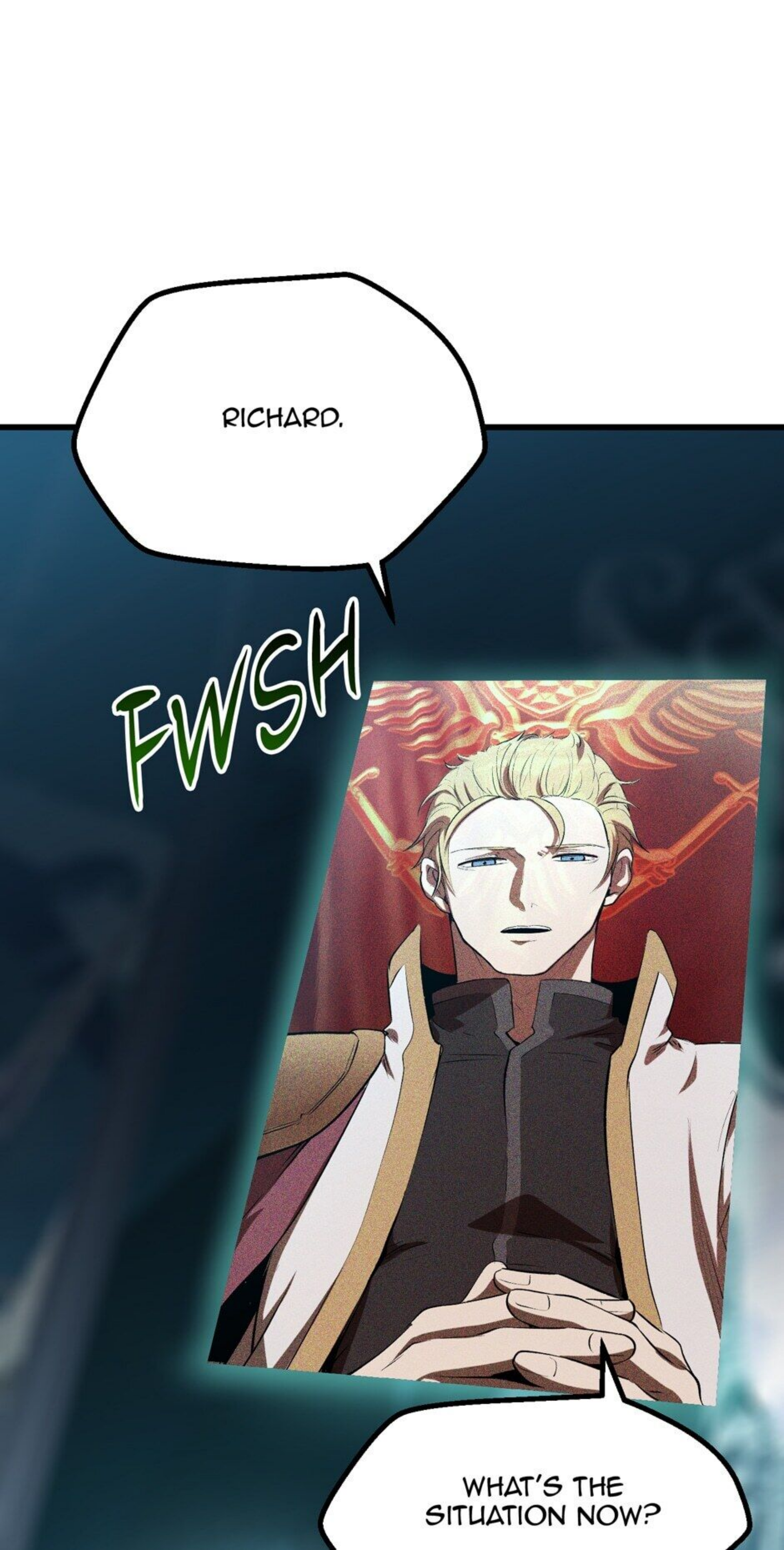

I'M NOT SO SURE ABOUT THAT.

PAUTAULT NEVER AGREED TO GET HIS LEVEL MEASURED.

IT'S UNFORTUNATE THAT WE NEVER SAW IT.

BUT WE CAN'T GO BACK TO THE WAY THINGS WERE.

THAT'S RIGHT... WE HAVE TO AT LEAST MAKE SURE HE DOESN'T BECOME OUR ENEMY.
SSK


RICHARD.
FWSH
WHAT'S THE SITUATION NOW?

QUEEN HOLIEN PLANS TO STAY IN THE ELVEN KINGDOM FOR A WHILE TO INVESTIGATE THE GATE AND FOR AN EVENT.
IT DOESN'T SEEM LIKE THE LEADERS OF THE FAIRY ALLIANCE WILL ANNOUNCE ANYTHING ABOUT THE GATE.

SSK
THAT MAKES SENSE... THEY WOULDN'T WANT TO CAUSE PANIC WITHOUT ANY PLAN IN PLACE.
FOR NOW, WATCH HOLIEN SO THAT SHE WON'T FIND OUT WHERE WE ARE.

AND BY CHANCE...

IF THERE'S ANYONE WHO CATCHES ON TO OUR PLAN...
ELIMINATE THEM.

I UNDERSTAND.

RED DOG
CULTURE HOUSE